

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

IN RE: Stryker Rejuvenate and ABG II
Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation

MDL No. 13-2441 (DWF/FLN)

This Document Relates to:

DENNIS KIRK BRAUNGARDT

Plaintiff,

vs.

HOWMEDICA OSTEONICS d/b/a
STRYKER ORTHOPAEDICS, STRYKER
CORP., STRYKER SALES
CORPORATION and STRYKER
IRELAND LIMITED,

Defendants.

**SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AND
JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

1. Plaintiff, DENNIS KIRK BRAUNGARDT, states and brings this civil action in MDL No. 2441, entitled *In Re: Stryker Rejuvenate and ABG II Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation*. Plaintiff is filing this Short Form Complaint as permitted by Pretrial Order #10 dated January 23, 2014 of this Court.

PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Plaintiff, DENNIS KIRK BRAUNGARDT, is a resident and citizen of the State of Oklahoma and claims damages as set forth below.

3. Venue of this case is appropriate in the United States District Court,

Northern District of Oklahoma. Plaintiff states that but for the Order permitting directly filing into the District of Minnesota pursuant to Pretrial Order No. 4, Plaintiff would have filed in the United States District Court, Northern District of Oklahoma. Therefore, Plaintiff respectfully requests that at the time of transfer of this action back to the trial court for further proceedings that this case be transferred to the above referenced District Court.

4. Plaintiff brings this action *[check the applicable designation]*:

 X On behalf of himself/herself;
 In a representative capacity as the _____ of the
_____ having been duly appointed as the _____
by the _____ Court of _____. A copy of
the Letters of Administration for a wrongful death claim is annexed
hereto if such letters are required for the commencement of such a
claim by the Probate, Surrogate or other appropriate court of the
jurisdiction of the decedent.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

Allegations as to **Right-Side** Implant/Explant Surgery(ies):

5. Plaintiff was implanted with a Rejuvenate Modular hip stem on his/her right hip on or about June 4, 2012 at the Oklahoma Surgical Hospital
2448 East 81st Street, Ste. 300, Tulsa, OK 74137 (medical center and address)
by Dr. Christopher Browne.

6. Plaintiff had the right hip stem at issue explanted on April

9, ²⁰¹⁵ at Oklahoma Surgical Hospital, 2448 East 81st Street, Ste. 300, Tulsa, OK 74137
 _____ (medical center and address) by Dr. Christopher Browne.

Allegations as to **Left-Side** Implant/Explant Surgery(ies):

7. Plaintiff was implanted with a Rejuvenate Modular hip stem on his/her left hip on or about March 5, 2012 at the Oklahoma Surgical Hospital
2448 East 81st Street, Ste. 300, Tulsa, OK 74137 (medical center and address) by Dr. Christopher Browne.

8. Plaintiff had the left hip stem at issue explanted on January 20, 2014 at Oklahoma Surgical Hospital, 2448 East 81st Street, Ste. 300, Tulsa, OK 74137
 (medical center and address) by Dr. Christopher Browne.

ALLEGATIONS AS TO INJURIES

9. Plaintiff claims damages as a result of (check all that are applicable):

- | | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| <u> X </u> | INJURY TO HERSELF/HIMSELF |
| _____ | INJURY TO THE PERSON REPRESENTED |
| _____ | WRONGFUL DEATH |
| _____ | SURVIVORSHIP ACTION |
| <u> X </u> | ECONOMIC LOSS |

10. Plaintiff has suffered injuries as a result of implantation of the Device at issue manufactured by the Defendants as shall be fully set forth in Plaintiff's anticipated Amended Complaint, as well as in Plaintiff's Fact Sheet and other responsive documents provided to the Defendant and are incorporated by reference herein.

11. Plaintiff has suffered injuries as a result of the explantation of the Device at

issue manufactured by the Defendants as shall be fully set forth in Plaintiff's anticipated Amended Complaint, as well as in Plaintiff's Fact Sheet and other responsive documents provided to the Defendant and are incorporated by reference herein.

12. Defendants, by their actions or inactions, proximately caused the injuries to Plaintiff.

13. Plaintiff could not have known that the injuries he/she suffered were as a result of a defect in the Device at issue until after the date the Device was recalled from the market and the Plaintiff came to learn of the recall.

14. In addition, Plaintiff could not have known that he/she was injured by excessive levels of chromium and cobalt until after the date he/she had his/her blood drawn and he/she was advised of the results of said blood-work and the fact that those blood work abnormalities were attributable to a defect in the Device at issue.

CASE-SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AND THEORIES OF RECOVERY

15. The following claims and allegations are asserted by Plaintiff and are herein adopted by reference (check all that are applicable):

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| <u> X </u> | COUNT I - NEGLIGENCE; |
| <u> X </u> | COUNT II - NEGLIGENCE PER SE; |
| <u> X </u> | COUNT III - STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY - DEFECTIVE DESIGN; |
| <u> X </u> | COUNT IV - STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY - MANUFACTURING DEFECT; |
| <u> X </u> | COUNT V - STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY- FAILURE TO WARN; |

<u> X </u>	COUNT VI - BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY;
<u> X </u>	COUNT VII- BREACH OF WARRANTY AS TO MERCHANTABILITY;
<u> X </u>	COUNT VIII - BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES;
<u> X </u>	COUNT IX - VIOLATION OF MINNESOTA DECEPTIVE ACTS AND PRACTICES, UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES, CONSUMER PROTECTION, MERCHANDISING PRACTICES AND FALSE ADVERTISING ACTS
<u> X </u>	COUNT X – VIOLATION OF CONSUMER FRAUD AND/ OR UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES UNDER STATE LAW;
<u> X </u>	COUNT XI - NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION
<u> </u>	COUNT XII - LOSS OF CONSORTIUM
<u> X </u>	COUNT XIII – UNJUST ENRICHMENT
<u> </u>	COUNT XIV – WRONGFUL DEATH

In addition to the above, Plaintiff asserts the following additional causes of action under applicable state law:

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. For compensatory damages requested and according to proof;
2. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this

action;

3. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
4. For prejudgment interest and costs of suit;
5. For restitution and disgorgement of profits; and,
6. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

Date: April 29, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Richard R. Schlueter
Richard R. Schlueter
GA Bar # 629420
Childers, Schlueter & Smith, L.L.C.
1932 N. Druid Hills Rd., Ste. 100
Atlanta, GA 30319
404-419-9500 phone
404-419-9501 fax
rschlueter@cssfirm.com
Counsel for the Plaintiff